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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC REACHES ALL TIME RECORD HIGH

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 23--The nation's airlines in August accounted for more than 40 billion revenue passenger miles of service, an all time record high in airline passenger traffic, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Airline passenger traffic rose 8.0 percent in August over August 1986, and was up 12.7 percent for the first eight months of 1987.

In domestic service, traffic grew 3.2 percent in August, compared to the same month last year. The passenger load factor was 69.1 percent, up from 68.7 percent in August, 1986.

In international service of the U. S. airlines, traffic in August increased 27.0 percent, compared to August, 1986. The passenger load factor was 78.8 percent, up from 71.8 percent in August of last year.

For the first eight months of 1987, domestic traffic was up 10.1 percent over the same months of 1986. Passenger load factor rose to 63.9 percent from 62.4 percent for the first eight months of 1986.

International traffic from January through August increased by 24.7 percent. The passenger load factor rose to 66.8 percent from 59.0 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1987 - 1986

		AUGUST			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	30,635,055	44,356,741	69.1	217,050,917	339,684,531	63.9
	86	29,691,092	43,223,874	68.7	197,208,335	316,241,295	62.4
PERCENT CHANGE		3.2	2.6		10.1	7.4	
INTERNATIONAL	87	9,560,588	12,131,312	78.8	52,950,493	79,245,505	66.8
	86	7,527,334	10,477,449	71.8	42,450,818	71,905,540	59.0
PERCENT CHANGE		27.0	15.8		24.7	10.2	
TOTAL	87	40,195,643	56,488,053	71.2	270,001,410	418,930,036	64.5
	86	37,218,426	53,701,323	69.3	239,659,153	388,146,835	61.7
PERCENT CHANGE		8.0	5.2		12.7	7.9	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.